

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
APRIL 17, 2018**

ITEM 6

SUBJECT

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COOLING WATER INTAKE STRUCTURES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES CONTAINED IN THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY ON THE USE OF COASTAL AND ESTUARINE WATERS FOR POWER PLANT COOLING

DISCUSSION

The Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling (Policy) requires the Statewide Advisory Committee on Cooling Water Intake Structures (SACCWIS) to annually provide recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The committee was impaneled to advise the State Water Board on the implementation of the Policy to ensure that the implementation plans and schedules for the facilities covered by the Policy take into account the electrical grid reliability and will not disrupt the state's electrical power supply.

On March 5, 2018, SACCWIS members heard presentations on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 2017 Grid Reliability Report, the California Independent System Operator 2018 Grid Reliability Report, and the Draft 2018 SACCWIS Report. The 2018 SACCWIS Report was approved by the committee members and is available at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/saccwis/.

The SACCWIS continues to closely monitor grid reliability needs throughout the state and does not recommend changes to any final compliance schedule dates in the Policy at this time.

Interagency Working Group Member Lana Wong will present a summary of the 2018 SACCWIS Report to the State Water Board.

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. This is an informational item only.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to enhance consistency. In particular, approval of this item will assist in fulfilling Objective 6.1 to target consistency improvements in process and policy for Water Board enforcement activities to promote compliance.